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To commend the people and the sovereign confederation of the neutral nation of Switzerland for their contributions to freedom, international peace, and understanding on the occasion of the meeting between the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union on November 19-20, 1985, in Geneva, Switzerland.

Whereas Switzerland has long played a leading role among nations in the search for international peace and understanding, has generously provided its territory and assistance for international organizations and conferences, and its diplomatic services for arbitration and mediation of disputes among states; and

Whereas the government of Switzerland has for many years generously represented the diplomatic interests of other nations, including the United States, in lands where these nations have no relations; and

Whereas the United States and Switzerland share a common heritage, based on a commitment to political and religious freedom of expression, on our shared legacy of a constitutional and Federal Government, on our commitment to human rights and the dignity of the individual, and on our firm belief that a free enterprise economy provides the greatest prosperity for the greatest number of people; and

Whereas Switzerland, and the beautiful and historic city of Geneva, ever mindful of their tradition and vocation in the search for international peace, have once again offered their territory and facilities for a major international meeting, on this occasion between the leaders of the United States and the Soviet Union, on November 19-20, 1985: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is the sense of the Congress that, in recognition of their many contributions and as an expression of the warm gratitude of the American people for the strong bonds of friendship which have long existed between our two great democracies, the people and nation of Switzerland are to be commended for all they have done throughout this century in the search for freedom, international peace, and understanding.

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